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ARLINGTON HOUSE, THE ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO COMPETE IN PARTNERS IN PRESERVATION PROGRAM FROM AMERICAN EXPRESS AND THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Community Will Help Determine Which Projects Receive Funding

Washington, DC. (April 24, 2013)—Today, American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced that Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial has been chosen to participate in Partners in Preservation, a community-based initiative that will award \$1 million in grants to Washington, D.C. metro area historic places. Partners in Preservation invites Washington, D.C. metro area residents, and anyone who loves the Capitol Region, to help choose the historic places they think most deserve preservation funding.

As one of 24 historic places selected, Arlington House will use this grant to help complete the renovation of historic Arlington House.

Vote, Share, Check-in and Snap to help Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial

Beginning today through May 10, the community is invited to visit www.PartnersinPreservation.com to help Arlington House earn points by voting online and via mobile once a day, every day, sharing with friends via Twitter, checking in on Foursquare and taking photos on Instagram. The site that receives the highest number of points is guaranteed to receive grant funding. At the end of the program, a Partners in Preservation advisory committee comprised of Washington-area civic and preservation leaders will recommend how the remainder of the preservation grants will be awarded. Full details on voting terms and how to earn points for sites can be found at www.PartnersinPreservation.com

About Partners in Preservation

Launched in 2006, Partners in Preservation is a program in which American Express, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, awards preservation grants to historic places across the country. American Express has committed more than \$15 million to Partners in Preservation, helping historic sites in seven cities to date, including San Francisco, Chicago, New Orleans, Boston, Seattle, Saint Paul/Minneapolis and New York, and has engaged more than a million people.

Through this partnership, American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation seek to increase the public's awareness of the importance of historic preservation and to preserve America's historic and cultural places. The program also hopes to inspire long-term support from local citizens for the historic places at the heart of their communities. For more information, visit PartnersinPreservation.com or Facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation, or follow us on Twitter at Twitter.com/PartnersinPres.